

RECOGNIZING TALENTED SCIENTISTS AT FORT SETTLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the talented young scientists at Fort Settlement Middle School in Sugar Land, Texas. Students Anish Mago, Siddanth Arora, Nithin Parsan, Dillion Ding and their science teacher, Karen Staley, were named first place winners in the 2014 Mars Rover Celebration.

The Mars Rover Celebration is an annual competition that invites students interested in science and engineering to participate in the design and construction of a Mars Rover model that would carry out a specific mission. The Fort Settlement students' mission was to colonize Mars. The team's working model "Amazement" earned them first place in the solar-powered rover division. Having grown up in Clear Lake, near the Johnson Space Center, I too was interested in space exploration as a young student. At a time when America needs more talent in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, it's great to see this enthusiasm for space exploration in our future scientists and leaders.

On behalf of all of everyone from the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I'm proud to recognize these young scientists. Congratulations to the Fort Settlement Middle School team on earning this impressive accomplishment. I hope one day to see you all on your own mission to Mars. In this case, the sky is not the limit.

HONORING ZACHARY BISCHLER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Bischler. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zachary has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Bischler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE DELAWARE RIVER YACHTSMEN'S LEAGUE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the upcoming 100th Year Anniversary of the founding of the Delaware River Yachtsmen's League (DRYL). Founded in 1914, the DRYL is committed to promoting true Yachtsmanship on the Delaware River, its tributaries and surrounding territory.

The DRYL started with a mere five founding clubs, and now contains 35 clubs along with six boating organizations. Over 5,000 boating members support one another in their commitments of successful club activities, working for cleaner waterways, and staying abreast of developing issues and laws.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Delaware River Yachtsmen's League for this distinguished milestone in its already impressive history. May we all seek to emulate the League's culture of dedication and hard work.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY SHERIFF CHAD R. KOWALCZYK FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SELFLESSNESS IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taylor County Deputy Sheriff Chad R. Kowalczyk for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty while responding to a call on September 8, 2013.

Deputy Kowalczyk responded to a call of an armed suspect who had several hostages. Upon arriving at the scene, Deputy Kowalczyk requested back-up.

When the suspect began firing shots at Deputy Kowalczyk, he retreated to a position of cover and attempted to warn the responding officers of the situation. Unable to make radio contact, Deputy Kowalczyk decided to leave his position of cover to get to his squad car, knowingly putting his life in jeopardy.

When Deputy Kowalczyk broke cover, he was struck by a round in his left abdomen.

Deputy Kowalczyk made it to his car and radioed the other officers alerting them of the situation. When they arrived at the scene, they found Deputy Kowalczyk taking up a tactical position, despite his serious injuries.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Kowalczyk may not agree with me, but he is a hero. His quick thinking and selflessness not only saved his fellow officers, but the family held hostage in their home. Please join me in thanking Deputy Kowalczyk once again for his bravery, selflessness, and quick thinking in the line of duty.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC) for receiving the Non-Profit of the Year award from the West Chamber serving Jefferson County.

For 50 years DDRC has been providing support and opportunities to people with developmental disabilities and their families in Jefferson County. From their humble beginnings in church basements, DDRC has grown to 550 employees and more than 200 volunteers who make a difference in the lives of more than 3000 individuals each year.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC) for this well deserved honor from the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. Your dedication to our community enhances all of our lives.

CONGRATULATING COACH STEVE JENKINS ON HIS 600TH WIN

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 25, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Steve Jenkins on his 600th career win as head coach of Evangel University's men's basketball program.

Coach Jenkins reached this impressive feat in his 32nd season at Evangel University, a small Christian college in Springfield, Missouri. With this win, Coach Jenkins is now only the seventh active coach in the NAIA-I division to reach 600 wins.

Through his 30-plus seasons as head coach, Coach Jenkins' teams reached the NAIA national tournament 11 times, including a National Championship in 2002. His teams have captured seven Heart of America conference titles. He was honored as the NAIA National Coach of the Year in 2002, and was named Heart of America Athletic Conference Coach of the Year on six different occasions. Coach Jenkins was inducted into the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013. On March 18, 2014, he will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Coach Jenkins' legacy at Evangel University extends beyond his record as a basketball coach. A 1974 Evangel graduate, Coach Jenkins lettered in baseball for 4 years and basketball for 3 years. After pursuing graduate studies, he soon returned to Evangel in 1977 as head baseball coach for 6 seasons, and assistant basketball coach for 5 seasons. He was named head basketball coach in 1982, and on December 5th of this season, coached his 1000th game at Evangel University. In 1998, Coach Jenkins added the responsibility of being the men's golf coach, and is serving in that capacity for the 16th year. He has garnered two Heart of America Coach of the Year honors for men's golf. Steve and his lovely